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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. IRAQ OFFERS AMNESTY TO KURDS

A KURDISH SOURCE TOLD EMBASSY TEHRAN THAT A VISITING IRAQI DELEGATION MET JULY 31 WITH KURDISH REPRESENTATIVES IN TEHRAN AND OFFERED AMNESTY FOR "ALL PAST HAPPENINGS." THE OFFER WOULD:

--NOT BE PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED;

--INCLUDE ALL KURDS NOW IN IRAN EXCEPT BARZANI, HIS SONS AND A NEPHEW; AND

--PROVIDE THAT RETURNING KURDS BE TAKEN TO KURDISH AREAS AND GIVEN THEIR OLD JOBS BACK, EXCEPT FOR SOLDIERS WHO WOULD BE RELOCATED IN THE CIVILIAN SECTOR.

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THE SOURCE INDICATED THE KURDISH LEADERSHIP, DISSATISFIED WITH CONDITIONS IN IRAN, HAD VIRTUALLY DECIDED TO RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE OF THE OFFER, THOUGH THE FINAL DECISION WOULD AWAIT BARZANI'S RETURN FROM THE US. (SECRET) TEHRAN 7872, 8/3.)

2. GUINEA GROUNDS SOVIET SPY FLIGHTS

RESPONDING TO US REQUESTS, INTERIOR MINISTER DIAKITE ASSURED AMBASSADOR HARROP JULY 30 THAT SOVIET TU95D RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS AGAINST THE US ATLANTIC FLEET WILL END THIS MONTH. AT THE SAME TIME, DIAKITE MADE A VAGUE REQUEST FOR A US "SECURITY GUARANTEE" AGAINST FEARED "MERCENARY ATTACKS" FROM SENEGAL AND IVORY COAST.

AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: WE APPEAR TO HAVE SCORED A REMARKABLE BREAKTHROUGH. I BELIEVE THE GOG DECIDED THE SOVIETS WERE EXPLOITING IT BY USING THE FLIGHTS AGAINST THE US RATHER THAN FOR GUINEAN SECURITY. WE SHOULD NOW ENCOURAGE GUINEA TO FOLLOW A MORE NON-ALIGNED POLICY AND MAKE SOME GESTURE TO SHOW WE RECOGNIZE ITS SECURITY FEARS, HOWEVER GROUNDLESS THEY MAY BE. (SECRET) CONAKRY 1538, 8/3.)

3. ZAMBIA: KAUNDA CHEERS SWAPO ON

AT A STATE HOUSE LUNCHEON AUGUST 2 IN HONOR OF SWAPO PRESIDENT SAM NUJOMA, PRESIDENT KAUNDA PLEDGED ZAMBIA'S FULL SUPPORT TO SWAPO, PREDICTED SUCCESS FOR IT, AND ATTRIBUTED ITS RECENT DIFFICULTIES TO A WELL-FINANCED SOUTH AFRICAN-WEST GERMAN CONSPIRACY.

EMBASSY COMMENT: KAUNDA'S WHOLEHEARTED PUBLIC ENDORSEMENT MAKES IT CLEAR AT LEAST FOR NOW THAT SWAPO IS ZAMBIA'S CHOSEN INSTRUMENT IN THE NAMIBIA STRUGGLE, AND MAY BE PARTIALLY DESIGNED TO CATCH MUJOMO AND SWAPO IN SUCH A WARM EMBRACE THAT THEY WILL RESIST THE TEMPTATION TO LOCATE PARTY HEADQUARTERS ELSEWHERE, E.G., LUANDA. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) LUSAKA 1962, 8/3.) KISSINGER

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